



MRS. BRAMWELL BOOTH

LOYALTY TO THE KING!

—BY THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF—

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AS ONE CONTEMPLATES this great and terrible war, the various countries involved and the vast armies engaged, there are certain things which with striking persistence emerge from the crash and confusion of the struggle. We see displays of courage, endurance, sacrifice, and patriotism. And, not least among the qualities generally if not universally shown is loyalty to the Throne. Be it King or Kaiser, Prince or Czar, the one who stands for the headship of the State or Kingdom is the centre towards which flows streams of loyalty.

May I not take this as a parallel of our relationship to Christ, whose Throne is in the Heavens, but Whose Kingdom is being established in the earth? As Christmas returns, we travel in thought and spirit to Bethlehem; but our minds quickly leap from the Manger to the Throne and no carol more popularly expresses the sentiment of the hour than—

"Hark! the Herald Angels sing:
"Glory to our new-born King!"

There is no distortion of vision when in the helpless Child we behold our King; no extravagance of language when we express ourselves in terms of deepest loyalty to His person and interests. Some of us look forward with eagerness to the time when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our God and His Christ. But here and now Christ is our Lord; we are pledged to uphold His honour and glory; and at this Christmas season we should stimulate ourselves and each other to fresh demonstrations of loyalty to our King.

The dominating personality of our Lord was recognized even by the Magi, who came from far with costly gifts; they bowed before Him. Had the fore-knowledge of these wise men been equal to our after-knowledge, they would have joined in the glad declaration:—

Though poor be the chamber,
Come, let us adore;
For the Lord of Heaven hath to mortals given
Life for evermore!

The Child was not only to stand as the central figure of the Gospels, as the Son of Man and One unparalleled in human history, but as the Son of God in Whom dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

There are many ways in which the spirit of loyalty may be expressed. There will not only be a recognition of the Kingship of Christ, but the full and hearty submission to His royal Will. When I say that submission is a necessary element of loyalty, I do not mean the spirit of bondage or of fear; that is a poor kind of loyalty, neither acceptable to God nor man. But there must be a full surrender of one's own will and way. Rebellion or controversy is the last thing to be permitted. Rather is the cry, "Thy Will be done! Be Thou King, and let me be Thy loyal subject!"

In connection with a notable Durbar held in India a few years back, there was a great demonstration of loyalty to the King-Emperor. Princes, Maharajahs, and other rulers of subject States passed before the supreme Head of the Anglo-Indian Empire and made formal obeisance. It is said that one of the native rulers approached in a haughty manner, and on reaching the saluting point dropped his

walking-stick, making the act of stooping to recover it take the place of the formal bow which etiquette demanded, but which evidently for some reason or other he was unwilling to make. The act was a mere pretence, for though the man appeared to submit himself to the prescribed formality, there was no loyalty in it.

Now, the Heavenly King cannot be content with mere profession of submission. There must be no make-believe about it; nothing but the fullest surrender in the Will of God will suffice.

Loyalty to the King is also seen in the adoption of His purposes, with corresponding efforts to promote His interests. If loyalty be not practical in its expression, it is an empty sentiment, and counts for little in the King's Cause. We see abundant illustration of this in the present condition of the nations. Surely we can earnestly expect that the followers of Jesus Christ will equal in their service and sacrifice for Him what so many have done for earthly king and country!

There is, alas! so much unreality in the profession of attachment to Christ that one trembles for many who, in the Day of Judgment, will have but small practical proof of their loyalty to show.

I would also like to ask for a more daring assertion of loyal union with Christ on the part of all the subjects of His Kingdom. In the old times of national strife in England, certain individuals were designated by the phrase, "He is the King's man!" And such were usually not slow to respond to the challenge. Oh, that more than ever we could see and hear men boldly standing out and declaring, "I am Jesus Christ's man!" Why should our confession of faith and adherence be so frequently timid and half-hearted? The truly loyal man does not hesitate to declare himself.

A well-known public man—who recently visited the distant Dominions of the British Empire was surprised to find the national flag flying in back-country districts amidst a sparse population. He imagined that this was up in honour of his visit, but on making inquiries was promptly told that nobody knew or cared about that! "The flag," said the local informant, "is to show what nation we belong to!" To the traveller's remark that there were very few people passing that way who would see it, the prompt reply was given, "Then we look at it to remind ourselves!" Those who belong to Jesus Christ would do well to make more open proclamation as to "Whose they are and Whom they serve."

The true spirit of loyalty, I would point out finally, is not the outcome of a sense of duty, but springs from a supreme affection. With thousands to-day the love of King and country is no mere phrase, and they make good their profession. Our Divine King may rightly expect a loving loyalty from those who say they are His followers. The consecration which comes of the strong will and inflexible purpose is good so far as it goes, but it cannot be compared with the devotion of the sanctified heart which has learned the secrets of its Lord by the intimate fellowship of love.

There never was One so truly worthy of personal love and devotion as our Heavenly King. His dying love for us, so ill-deserved, surpasses all human love; and our loyalty is inspired by the deepest sentiment of our souls: "We love Him because He first loved us!"

THE WAR CRY EDITORIAL COMMENT

GLEAMS OF LIGHT

A GAIN HAS COME THE SEASON when we celebrate the advent of the Prince of Peace, and while Salvationists and others will at this season sing of "On earth peace and good-will toward men," nevertheless the twenty-five great countries that form Christendom, no fewer than eighteen will be engaged in the most destructive, cruel, and barbarous war that the world has ever known. What a terrible reflection it all is! Still—in the homely language of the British soldier as he returns to the trenches after a visit to his home and loved ones—we, the followers of Christ, can say: "Are we down-hearted?" "No!" We believe that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, shall yet in word and in fact "reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run"; that war will end, and the present conflict will go a long way towards preventing another. We think there is every reason to believe that not only are the thoughtful of the earth turning their minds more and more in the direction of spiritual things, but that the man in the trenches has also become less Godless and more concerned about eternal matters. Adjutant Penfold, one of our Chaplain-Captains, now labouring close up to the men in the trenches and the firing line, whilst at the base, had, as part of his duties, the censoring of letters. He says:—

"I am quite surprised at the number of those who, in some form or other, bring religion into their letters, and the manner in which it is done attests to the sincerity of the writers."

Adjutant Mary Booth, in her interesting book, "With the B. E. F. in France," makes this significant statement:—

"I am more than ever sure that the religious instinct, the need of a God to worship and love, which has been dormant in many a man's soul, is often suddenly awakened when he is face to face with hardships, suffering, and death. As a man told me, a shell which killed five of his mates and left him with only a few scratches made him pray as he had never prayed before. Another one, who lost his leg and lay four days in a pool of blood before he was rescued, has not since missed a night without committing himself to God. Oh, that the Lord may help us to take hold of the opportunities, and while men's thoughts and minds are turned to God, may we help them to find Him!"

Again, Mr. Arthur E. Copping, a London journalist of considerable repute, writes thus in a preface to Adjutant Mary Booth's book:—

"Probably never before in the history of the world were there such enormous assemblies of men with thoughts turned so definitely God-ward. Death is ever near to them—they are conscious of a destiny hovering between this world and the next. The reality of eternity grows upon their minds as of infinitely more account than the shadow of time. In which facts we may find a compensation for, perhaps an explanation of, the war."

Who knows? "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," so let us all do our duty to God, our King, and to mankind; and out of this welter of strife and "straining" God may bring circumstances to pass that shall mightily hasten the time when shall prevail:—

"Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

THE CHRIST CHILD

OUR COVER DESIGN embodies the heads of the Infant Saviour and His Mother, as painted by Raphael, who lived four hundred years ago, and was styled the Prince of Painters. This picture is known as the "Sistine Madonna," and is said to be the greatest and most deservedly popular of all this great master's altar pieces, and the finest conception of the Virgin Mother painted by man. Be that as it may, the picture, as it hangs in Dresden, is undoubtedly beautiful in design and execution. Raphael dedicated his great talent to sacred art—to the beautification of buildings for the worship of God. Not to many such talent been entrusted, but it has been made possible for all of us to dedicate our lives to the service of Jesus, and to beautify human existence by words and deeds that will glorify our Saviour to a much greater extent than painted canvas can do. Reader, have you yet said:—

"My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,
Into Thy blessed hands receive;
And let me live to preach Thy word,
And let me to Thy glory live."

SALVATION ARMY PROGRESS

"**W**HAT WILL BECOME of your Army, now that the Great Chief is dead?" said a prejudiced white man to one of our Native Officers in Zululand, when the news of the death of the Founder of the Army had penetrated to the distant frontiers of civilization. There is no

doubt that many friends and well-wishers of the Movement nearer home, had a lurking fear that all would not be well with the Organization when the outstanding gifts and capacity of its Founder would no longer be available—when that mighty heart and brain would be for ever still; when the inspiration of his presence would be gone. That such fears have been groundless is shown by the progress of The Army in certain vital aspects during the last four years of the lifetime of the Founder, and the first four years' leadership of the present General. The increase is four and a half per cent. and sixteen per cent., respectively. This gratifying progress is attributable to two things—a manifestation of God's blessing to encourage and stimulate The Army at a memorable time in its history; and a demonstration, by increased zeal and labours, of the great love for, and confidence in, the new General that is experienced by his Officers and Soldiers. This is not only comforting to General and Mrs. Booth, but is gratifying to all who appreciate the work that is done by The Salvation Army for the glory of God and the uplift of humanity. May God cause the old chariot to roll on yet faster.

A SOCIOLOGICAL EXPERT

MRS. BOOTH, whose portrait in colours forms our frontispiece, is an active coadjutress to The General in his Leadership of The Army. Not only in the public side, where her gifts of speech have rendered distinguished service to God and the Organization, but in the Council, her strong understanding, sound judgment, and wide knowledge, enable her, in a consultative capacity, to exercise considerable influence. In an Organization where womanhood enters so largely as in The Salvation Army, it is easy to see that the mind and voice of a superior woman is a valuable factor. And Mrs. Booth holds a distinguished record in The Army organization. Mrs. Booth has also been accredited by Government Departments and Royal Commissions as an expert on many matters connected with Social Reform. And, by means of evidence before such Commissions, by lectures before intellectual and representative bodies, and by articles in the press, has evinced knowledge and understanding of some of the most difficult problems set before civilized countries.

Mrs. Booth visited Toronto for the Annual Congress in 1911, and the memory of her charming personality, and the spiritual power, and enlightening character of her eloquent addresses, is still fresh amongst those privileged to be present at that Congress.

THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF

OWING TO THE EXIGENCIES incident to a large edition, vast distances, and fine art printing, these notes were written prior to the visit of Commissioner Howard (the Second in Command of The Salvation Army) to the Dominion of Canada in the early part of November. A sketch portrait in colour of him appears in this issue. At the time of writing it has been arranged for the Chief of the Staff to conduct the Annual Congresses for the Territories of Canada East and West at Toronto and Winnipeg. And considerable expectation concerning these gatherings is prevalent throughout the Dominion. The term "Emblem-builders," as applied to British and colonial statesmen, is familiar and expressive. Commissioner Howard is one of the master-builders of The Salvation Army, having occupied leading positions in the Organization for thirty-five years out of its half-century of existence. Two years after The Army Flag was unfurled in Australasia, the Commissioner was sent to take command of The Army's Work under the Southern Cross; and the place that has attended The Army's operations in Australasia and New Zealand is largely due to the wisdom and enterprise with which The Army was operated in those early days. Similar success has attended his administration of the great appointments he has since filled. He was appointed Chief of the Staff in 1912. The duties of the Chief of the Staff include in addition to public work, oversight, under The General, of the entire Army, and responsibility for knowing and representing its position and needs, the control of International Headquarters, the working of its various departments, and the appointment of the Staff.

OUR SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

IT WILL BE SEEN by the story of "A Tragedy of the Trenches" that not all the sadness of war is contained in the newspaper casualty lists. There are tragedies experienced by soldiers, their wives, and their children that never find their way into print. They are known, however, to the workers of the Social Service League, a phase of Salvation Army activity that has been brought into existence by the great war. The objects of the League are to comfort the bereaved ones in their sorrow, and, whenever

possible, to render the wives of soldiers material assistance, such as writing letters, or advising them with respect to their allowances, ministering to them in their sickness, helping them with the children; in fact, doing anything and everything that is possible to comfort and assist the wives and children of those who are fighting for their country. That these ministrations are appreciated, letters received abundantly show. Here are a couple of extracts:

"Dear Friends,—Will you please accept our heartfelt thanks for your kind letter of sympathy in our double bereavement. (Two sons were killed in action.)"

"[Ed.] It has been a hard blow to us, but when our friends share our sorrow with us it makes our trouble more easy to bear. It is hard to realize that they both are gone, and taken from us without a last farewell; but we must look forward to our Heavenly Home, and there meet our loved ones who have gone before. We believe that our Heavenly Father must have had some purpose to remove from our family circle two loved ones. Again thanking you for your kind words of comfort."

"Dear Friends,—Please accept our sincere thanks for your sweet and comforting words in this our time of great trial. Thank God for such dear friends. Yours in sorrow."

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE POOR

PERHAPS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION that is so familiar with the necessities of the poor as The Salvation Army. The long experience of its Officers, the close contact with the needs of many of the poorer members of the Movement, with the fact that The Army has local organizations, all afford reliable sources of information concerning those who are truly in need, which render Salvation Army workers the most effective, perhaps, of all the public's almoners on behalf of the poor. In fact, our people have experience that is unique in prosecuting this work, and we are anxious to serve those in need by undertaking to distribute the Christmas Cheer and Winter Relief of the generous. Will you make The Salvation Army your almoner? The Salvation Army places its Officers, Workers, Halls, and Organization at the service of rich and poor, and the money sent will be administered with the greatest efficiency and economy. Full-scale investigations will be made, and gifts will be disbursed in any town and amongst any class mentioned. The following are among those on whose behalf The Army earnestly appeals:—

Families whose bread-winner is out of work through illness, among whom poverty and misery prevail.

Children whose Christmas has been saddened by loss of parents and other relatives through death.

Homeless men who frequent our Industrial Institutions and Shelters.

Orphans in our Children's Homes, and the families of destitute parents.

For the general charitable work of The Salvation Army.

Donations for any of the above objects should be sent to The Salvation Army, James and Albert Streets, Toronto; or, The Salvation Army, Confederation Life Building, Winnipeg.

May we urge our readers to remember the poor at this festive season, for whatever circumstances the war may have brought into being in this country, we may be sure of the fact that the poor are with us.



The Christmas Hamper from Home

OUR NEW SERIAL STORY

WE SHOULD LIKE to call attention to the New Serial Story that commences in this issue. As a narrative of human interest, it will prove absorbing, and will be found inspiring to a Godly life. In our last Christmas issue we began a serial story, and, amongst the numerous letters we received expressing appreciation of the same, was one from a Newfoundland reader, who said:—

"I was very much interested in that beautiful story than ran through 'The War Cry' recently, entitled 'A Vagrant's Vagaries,' and hope that 'Jack Rogers' will soon be prevailed upon to write another such thrilling tale for the readers of the paper to enjoy."

Well, the story of "A Maltese Romance" is by the same author, and will prove to be of equal interest to the "Vagaries of a Vagrant." We invite all to read the opening chapters in this issue, and then get next week's "War Cry."

"WITH THE B.E.F."

ELSEWHERE WE HAVE TAKEN freely from the contents of a little booklet from the pen of Adjutant Mary Booth, entitled "With the B. E. F. (British Expeditionary Force) in France." The author says concerning the form of the contents: "Written in odd moments, often on scraps of paper, and in many strange places, they make no pretence of literary merit or to be a connected or complete record." Nevertheless, the "Notes" themselves form a series of brilliant thumb-nail sketches that reveal, in a striking manner, conditions which prevail in the war zone in France. As might be imagined from one who is a Salvationist and whose principal field of labour is the hospital, much of the contents deal with the spiritual and human side of those who are fighting their country's battles. Some of the parts are inexpressibly tender and pathetic. The London "Punch" is avowedly a humorous journal; nevertheless, some of the most tender and poignantly pathetic poems and prose in the English language have appeared in its pages: Hood's "Song of the Shirt," to wit, it is therefore not surprising to know that some of the paragraphs from Adjutant Booth's book have been quoted in "Punch." It contains also some very interesting photographs, and all who desire information concerning the tender side of the boys at the front and their work, also the character of The Army's operations among the khaki-clad, should write to The Salvation Army Trade Departments at Toronto and Winnipeg for it. The following paragraphs are touching: "In the same ward a man asked me

to take the gauze off his face, in order that he might see me. His sister is a Salvationist. 'She looks just like you, Sister,' he said. He is quite paralyzed. I stroked his poor hands for his sister's sake, but he has no feeling in them. I shall send her a line. 'It is surprising, although so terribly injured, what good appetite some of the men have. One man just in from the trenches, enjoying his first tea in hospital, had to be fed, so I undertook the task. Quite an easy job under ordinary circumstances, but when you have to do it with an enormous table-spoon, it is quite an art getting the spoon into the egg! We had a bit of fun about it. 'That's champion,' he said when we had finished. Seeing he had so enjoyed that one, I suggested he should have another, which the orderly soon served. Have written his mother, and told of the progress he is making.'"



The Battleship's Present

A TRAGEDY OF THE TRENCHES

HOW THE SALVATION ARMY CARED FOR THE SIX ORPHAN CHILDREN OF A CANADIAN SOLDIER "KILLED IN ACTION"

NOTE: This is a plain, unvarnished sample of the work that The Salvation Army is doing for the offspring and connections of those who are fighting for King and country at the front. Many are the pathetic stories that can be told of the timely aid thus rendered by Salvation Army Officers.

"I have to-day just received the sad news of my wife's death, and I want at once to my major to get his advice what to do. He advised me to go to The Salvation Army. So I went to-night and saw Mrs. Ensign Hepworth and got her to write you. My wife received a separation allowance from the Canadian Government of twenty dollars, and I signed over fifteen dollars a month to her of my pay. She also asked me to watch her child for each child. . . . It is my wish that The Salvation Army should after my children, and use the money for that purpose. . . . If you can do anything for me, I hope you will do it, and for the best to all concerned. . . . The letter was handed over to Mrs. Brigadier Green, the Secretary of the Social Service Legion, who immediately took steps to carry out the father's wishes. A week or so later she was able to write to him as follows:—

"We have received your letter with reference to your wife's death, and are pleased to be able to tell you that we have taken up the case, and shall be happy to do all within our power to help you in any way.

"Our Officer at— has seen the children, and has found five ladies who will be glad to take care of each. One of our Officers is going over to arrange about the children going to these people and will get each person that takes a child to sign a form to the effect that upon your arrival the child shall be returned to you.

"We will write you again later with full particulars, names, and addresses of the different people with whom the children have been living. In the meantime be assured that we are doing our best for them."

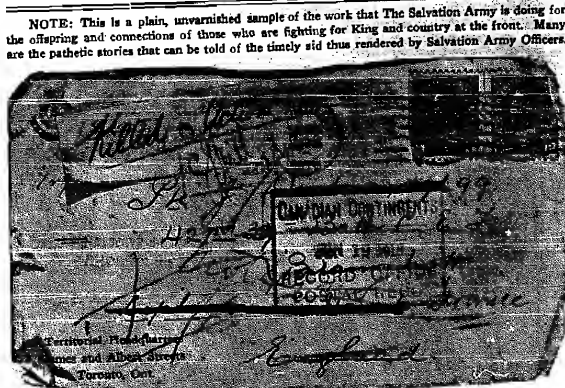
This good news evidently brought much relief to the anxious father, as a warm letter of thanks was received in reply.

Now, as to the placing of the children. We will quote from the actual report sent in by Mrs. Brigadier Green to the Chief Secretary. She says:—

"I went to— on Friday, calling first on the Methodist Minister and explaining my business. He was very kind. He asked me to billet there, and then took me to a business gentleman. I explained the case, and after consultation with his wife, they decided to take the youngest boy. I spent the whole of Saturday in interviewing people and getting places for the remaining children. A mill-owner took the second eldest, a girl of eleven. The gentleman is the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and they are a very beautiful family.

"A rich farmer took the other girl, who is nine years of age. His wife is an exceptionally good woman, and gladly signed the form, promising to send the girl to Sunday School and bring her up in the right way. Another farmer, whose daughter is the organist of the church, took the eldest boy, who is ten years of age. It is a beautiful home for the boy, and he will be all right there. The youngest boy was taken by some good Methodist folks, who will bring him up to the right way.

"I then went to see the grandfather of these children. He thanked The Salvation Army a thousand times for all our work to get his grandchildren freed up so well. The eldest girl (aged thirteen) is in our care, and an aunt has taken



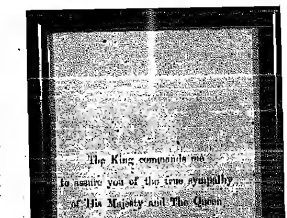
The Returned Leaver

the baby (age three). So you will see that the whole family is settled."

It was with a thankful heart that Mrs. Green went to the railway station on Saturday night to meet Mrs. Adjutant-Tyndall and four of the children. A most pathetic little group they formed as they gathered on the platform—motherless and their father away at the front. All their belongings were packed in two small valises.

Taking them into the waiting-room, Mrs. Green talked to them for a few minutes, telling them that now mamma was in Heaven and their daddy was fighting for King and country, they must try their best to please the kind people who were going to take care of them. "Above all," she concluded, "you must love and serve Jesus and be good boys and girls for His sake, Who died to save us all."

Then they all knelt down, and Mrs. Green prayed that God would bless them and keep them from all evil, and help them to grow up Christian men and women. The good people who had



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to expect. Her eyes filled with tears. "Oh, you have come to tell me that he is dead!" she cried. "Yes," said Mrs. Green, "he is dead—killed in action; but I trust his soul is in Heaven." Then she prayed with the girl and comforted her with much loving sympathy and advice.

"I have told you now for you about your papa," said Mrs. Green, and she said expression in her voice must have warned the girl what she should be glad to hear. "Oh, you have come to tell me that he is dead!" she cried. "Yes," said Mrs. Green, "he is dead—killed in action; but I trust his soul is in Heaven." Then she prayed with the girl and comforted her with much loving sympathy and advice.

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"I have never given anything to The Army before," said a tradesman's wife who lives in the vicinity, and has followed the whole case with great interest; "but if this is the sort of work it does, it shall have my heartiest support in the future."

The workers of the Social Service Legion, both in the East and West Canadian Territories, are doing a splendid work in comforting the bereaved and helping those who need assistance. The Federal, Provincial, and Civic Governments and patriotic societies are doing a great deal for the friends and dependants of those in the line, but they cannot do all—the sympathetic woman and personal touch must be supplied by others.

"THE WOODEN CROSS"

Of the many honours England gives To those who fight for her, one stands apart. He who receives it dies, yet ever lives In England's heart.

This great last tribute England pays her son. There "Killed in action" clear for all to see. The legend runs:

A rude-cut emblem for the noble dead, A silent witness to her army's loss, England sets up above each warrior's head The wooden cross.

THE TWO PANDALS

BY HAROLD BEGBIE



Indian soldier—Kail

THAT evening we had the acquaintance of an Englishman on the veranda, and later strolled, at his suggestion, through the garden and out into the moonlight road, to visit a neighbouring pandal across the river, in which was being celebrated the festival of Mohurram.

Our presence in the group of Mussulmans occasioned some surprise, but the crowd parted for us, a young man in a white turban and a black head, rose hurriedly to greet us with a smiling courtesy, and we were conducted to the chief seats in front of the garish pandal and fanned cigarettes and cigars. This pandal, which had a kind of altar or shrine at the back, before which food was placed for the prophet, was decorated with tinsel stars, Japanese lanterns, paper flags of various colours, and branches of palm.

It was a scene most picturesque and Asian. The ground in front of us was occupied by squatting figures in various coloured dresses and turbans and loin cloths: a large Fumeh and Judy box faced us in the distance, occupied by two men with a little girl in the centre, motionless and whitened. Men dressed in women and girls danced and jested and clowned in the little space immediately before our chairs. At every ten minutes or so, the tom-tom was banged monotonously and the whole company broke into a nasal drone which deafened the ears and made discord of peace and mind.

ELECTED FOR INIQUITY

From first to last this religious festival was pertinent and suggestive, everything turning upon sexualism. Certain things that I saw cannot be written, but on the whole the immorality was rather that of corrupted children than the abhorrent bestiality of depraved minds. It was rather jaded iniquity than determined depravity. Again and again I found myself regarding the people as children, and in their simple, smiling faces and the almost listless character of their attention, I saw that one should feel pity for them, and not judge them as men before whom a choice has been presented and who have elected for iniquity. They were leaning the tom-tom, singing their songs, and dancing their wriggling dances till three o'clock in the morning.

I have mentioned this trivial incident as a contrast to what follows, as a contrast should bring home to the least imaginative of readers the immense difference between the mind of Christ and the mind of Asia.

On the day following our arrival in Trivandrum we were invited by Fakir Singh (Commissioner Booth-Tucker) to attend an afternoon meeting in the compound of The Salvation Army's Girls' School, where another and far bigger pandal had been set up, but for a very different purpose. Of all the sights I saw in India, this was one that made the most lasting impression. When we arrived, we found the trees surrounding the sun-flooded compound filled in all their branches with men and boys; the great space of the compound in front of the pandal entirely occupied by a dense multitude of men and women; the pandal itself filled from end to end with boys and girls; and the veranda of the school gate with high-caste natives, officers of the army, and European residents interested in the amazing work of The Salvation Army. It was one of the most striking congregations I have ever seen.

And all those squatting thousands on the ground surrounding the pandal, all those bird-like figures loading the trees, all that mass of black-faced and solemn-eyed humanity packed so tightly and sitting so patiently, had come into Trivandrum from the neighbouring villages, some of them twenty-five and thirty miles away, to hear the story of that Divine Man Whose Personality has revolutionized



Hindu soldier

the other side of the world. They had brought their food with them; they had slept under the trees or in their bullock carts on the way, and to-night, after the long entertainment had come to an end, they would stretch their rolls of matting on the ground where they were now sitting, and sleep till the dawn.

These villagers were in some cases the laity of The Salvation Army, in some cases inquirers, and in some cases wavering not yet wholly persuaded to abandon their gods of terror and give themselves to a God perfectly pure, perfectly holy, and perfectly kind. They had been sought in their distant villages by Officers of The Army, and for a year at least many of them had gathered together to hear the Bible read and listen to the preachers of Christ.

HANDSOME, SMART BOYS

The first part of the afternoon's programme was given to the children. We heard the Boys' Band playing such music as tom-tom and banjo-wood can never make—glad music, and strong music, music to which men can march with their heads upright, a music made for triumph and unconquerable hope. To teach these boys any music as we heard, and to teach them to play it so accurately and with such a swing in its joy—this is achievement of a notable kind. And the music had passed into the souls of the boys. Instead of slouching bodies, they stood upright and strong; instead of matted or twisted hair, their heads were as neat and brushed as a British soldier's; instead of scowling looks and heavy sensualism, their faces were bright with intelligence and glad with health. It seemed an illusion that these handsome and smart boys could be the sons of the crouching villagers massed together in the dust of the compound.

We saw a company of girls in pretty frocks perform a drill with their coloured scarves. We heard them sing. We heard them recite. We saw them act. From beginning to end, only a little nervousness marred the performance of these childish minds awaking to intelligence. They looked so pretty and charming, they were so keapt and self-respecting, there was such understanding in their eyes and in the smiling curves of their lips, that one had constantly to remind oneself that these were the children of heathen villagers, so profoundly ignorant and so disastrously superstitious that they can almost be described as savages.

JESUS AND HUMANITY

But the first note of definite religious interest came when Fakir Singh, Commissioner for The Salvation Army in India, rose to address the multitude. He began by saying that everybody there had at least heard about Jesus, that they all knew what Jesus asked humanity to become, and that the One True God Who is the Father of humanity only asks His children to conquer their sins in order that they may be everlastingly happy as pure angels in a beautiful Heaven. I watched the faces of the multitude. Heads were bent forward to hear, in all those thousands of eyes there was intensity of interest, in not one single face did I see self-consciousness, stupidity, or an inclination to smile. Men and women, young men and young girls—the whole vast multitude, listened with a rapt attention. They were like enthralled children listening to a story.

Then came a dramatic incident. Suddenly in the midst of his simple talk the Fakir asked how many of the people who had heard about Jesus wanted to conquer their sins and to become gentle and kind, pure and virtuous, good and holy. In a second the air was filled with lifted arms. I do not think there was a single person in all that large gathering who did not lift an arm to Heaven.

"Those hands of yours," said the Fakir, "are eyes shining and his voice very quiet and earnest, are prayers. Your Father sees them and under-

*For five shillings a month or thereabouts The Salvation Army can feed, clothe, and teach a child in its excellent schools. It is only lack of money which keeps a host of children outside the school doors. I looked at the savage children and I looked at the children of The Army, and felt how hard it was that the one should be blessed and the other cursed.

stands. He beholds your hearts—your hearts which are hidden from the world. According to your sincerity He will answer your prayer. And now let us bow our heads, and fold our hands, and pray to Him in silence." It was an unforgettable sight. The faces which a moment before had been raised to the speaker—faces of men, many of them expressing every degree of savagery and vice, bestiality and suffering: faces of women strangely beautiful and yet marred by a frowning discontent or a heavy animism—became suddenly bowed and hidden. The compound was filled with silence. Not a finger was moved. Not a robe stirred. The multitude was motionless. And the sun beat down through the trees on this field of humanity lifting its soul to God.



Hindu soldier

A RIGHTFUL PENALTY

One realized at that moment how frightful is the penalty of sin, and how immediate the appeal of Christ to the human soul once definitely conscious of its iniquity. Many of these villagers who have hitherto followed their natural inclinations all the days of their lives, who have ever felt the need to be simple animism, and the universe filled with gods and goddesses and evil spirits, who can live so easily and with so little dread, who are surrounded by nature's most lovely manifestations, and enjoy a climate which is summer almost from year-end to year-end, who are wretched and unhappy, are conscious of something wrong in life, are aware of something inexpressible and undefined which disquiets and hurts their hearts.

And immediately they hear the simple story of the Christ, they feel the sun shine into the darkness of their souls and an answering response stirring in the depths of their hearts. They do not say, "Is it true?" They do not dispute and contend. They set no casuistry of the mind between their souls and the great joy coming to them out of the new heavens. They only know that it is restful and sweet to lay the burden of their long misery at the feet of One Who is sinless and compassionate, human and Divine: that to set themselves for the sake of this adorable Person to be better, presents a goal which more really and worthily fills and widens the horizon of their lives than the labour of the fields; and that to contemplate God as a Father Who cares for them, and because He cares for them, is seeking to fit them for higher joys and purer heights of being than anything they can imagine or dream, makes of existence at me stroke a rational and a glorious opportunity.

A CROWDED COMPOUND

These villagers had streamed into the town of Trivandrum, not so much to see their children performing in the afternoon, as to hear in the evening once more, and this time in a new way, the story of Christ. Officers of The Salvation Army had visited them in their houses, had held meetings in their villages, and had read them from the New Testament the story of Christ; but now they were actually to see with their eyes what hitherto they had heard with their ears.

In the evening the compound was more densely crowded than in the afternoon. At least five thousand people—probably many more—were sitting on the ground under the stars, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters—a dense swarm of black-faced and almost naked humanity, whose eyes reflected the moonlight and whose white turbans and loin cloths shone like the cerements of a graveyard wakened to immortality. Only a few lamps were burning. The interior of the pandal was occupied at the back by a white sheet. In the centre of the multitude was an Officer of The Army with a magic lantern. When the lights were put out, and the people had sung a hymn, one could still see



Hindu soldier

the glitter of eyes and the shine of dark skin in the moonlight.

It was very striking to observe the effect made upon these awaiting savages by the picture of General Booth (The Army's Founder), when it appeared upon the sheet. There was a cry of admiration and love, hands were clapped with abandon to enthusiasm, and then a shout of acclamation rose from all the host. One thought of the humble work begun in East London only a few years ago by a Nottingham preacher, and then all on a sudden the fame of this old man, not only in the distant forests of Southern India, but over the wide world and among all the various races of humanity.

There were other pictures; and then came the Life of Christ, told by paintings and moving pictures. As one followed the simple story, through all the beauty of its earlier incidents to the humiliating tragedy which has changed the heart of the human race and given a new Heaven to the soul of man, one perceived how infinitely higher and more compelling, how infinitely more human and Divine, how infinitely simpler and appealing is the religion of Christ than all the perversions of religion which have nailed the soul of Asia to the rock of suffering and sin. They cannot be compared. Hinduism is not another path to God; it is a pit of abomination as far set from God as the mind of man can go. It is not the Bread of Life, but the Dead Sea fruit of bitterness and death. It is not hope, but despair. It is not effort, but surrender. It is not attainment, but defeat.

MOUNT OLIVET CHRISTIANITY

When the story had been told, a lamp was brought into the pandal, and the Fakir stood up and appealed to those whose hearts had been touched and searched by the pictures, that very night to come out and make petition to Heaven for their mercy and its love. He spoke in simple language, making use of parables which a child might understand, and set himself to awaken in the multitude a desire for goodness and a longing for peace of heart. Nothing could have been more simple, more quiet, more true. It was the Christianity of the Mount of Olives.

For a moment or two after his appeal there was silence, breathless and nervous. He made a second appeal, saying: "Who will be the first to come out and ask God to forgive his sins?" A young man rose from the midst of the sitting multitude, and made his difficult way to the pandal. He was clothed in a white turban and a white loin cloth, with a shoulder cloth of white hanging at one side of his body. He was tall, good-looking, and of great strength. There was a silky mobility in his eyes and an obstinate resolution in his strong lips. He looked neither to the right nor to the left. His head was a little bowed. His arms moved gracefully at his sides. The light of the lamp shone in his eyes and the

light of the moon on his black shoulders and neck. He was like a shepherd.

Others followed his example. One saw Officers of The Salvation Army, Indians and Europeans, moving among the seated thousands, and bending down to speak to them. In the meantime the wide and spacious pandal was crowded with kneeling figures. Women and girls congregated together, and women of The Salvation Army knelt at their sides, mothering them, and encouraging their prayers. Men formed by the greater number of kneeling figures, most of them young men between twenty and thirty years of age. They knelt in the dust, their hands at their sides, their eyes opened, their heads slightly raised—figures so still that they might have been carved in ebony.

TAMILS AND MALAYALIS

There was now a ceaseless stream of men and women into the pandal. The seriousness of the procession, and the solemnity of the kneeling multitude, made a profound impression. Presumably, encouraged by the Fakir, who moved amongst them praying and blessing them, the whole kneeling company began to pray aloud. The noise of those deep voices filled the night. Each man prayed his own prayer; uttered his own longings, expressed his own needs. The noise of those deep voices filled the night. Each man prayed his own prayer; uttered his own longings, expressed his own needs. The noise of those deep voices filled the night. Each man prayed his own prayer; uttered his own longings, expressed his own needs.

Imagine the scene. As far as eye could see, stretching out into the glittering moonlight of an Eastern garden, there were thousands of half-naked people sitting and standing on the ground, hunched upon the boughs of trees, packed shoulder to shoulder on the walls. Under a great open tent of palm leaves, where a lamp was burning and unlighted paper lanterns were hanging from the branches, hundreds of men and women were kneeling and praying to God, with white and black Officers of The Salvation Army moving in and out among them. Those Officers represented many nations; among them was a Brahmin, a Sikh, a Malayali, a Tamil, a German, a Norwegian, a Swede, an Australian, an Englishman, and a Scot. All were praying.

THUNDEROUS SUPPLICATION

The voices of these various nationalities rose in the air with a cry inspired by love for a sinless Ideal, with a passion and a longing uttered from the need of their common humanity; and all these separate voices and different words rose in a perfect union, like the prayer of a single family under their father's roof. One felt that the unity of nations is not a dream, but one of the very first and most certain results of a catholic Christianity. The kneeling host, the rolling thunder of

their supplication, the moonlight, the solemnity of the trees, the reverence and quiet of the watching multitude, and those servants of God drawn out of all the nations of the earth, moving to and fro in the midst of them—one felt the moment the passion of religion and the fatherhood of God.

I can still see those kneeling Children of India. I can still see the disciples of Christ amongst them. I can still feel the soft and scented air of that Eastern night, and see the moonlight shining on the white garments of the watching multitude. And I can still hear, as though it were an organ in the next room, the mighty sound of those many voices rolling up to their new Heaven and making appeal to their new God and their first Father in Heaven. As I recall that scene, I see the sensual grins and jaded eyes of the poor Mussulmans round their street-corner pandal in honour of Mohurram.

A DEVIL-POSSESSED MAN

An hour after this wonderful experience, I was talking to a man who had been devil-possessed for many years. When I parted with him and issued from the interior of the school premises, I found the veranda occupied by women sleeping on mats and the whole wide garden strewn with sleeping figures. In the moonlight, surrounded by the tall trunks of palm trees and coconut palms, and by the interwoven branches of flowering shrubs and scented trees, the spectacle was one of singular beauty and a most gracious appeal.

Those tired sleepers, sleeping in the dust of the garden, had come many miles through the hills and the forest to hear the story of Christ; the bullocks and carts of some of them were visible in the shadows; the sound of their breathing was like the noise of a summer sea; before the dawn they would be moving with their wives and families back through the jungle, and back over the hills, to the mud huts of their distant villages. Some of them that very night had "found Christ." Some of them were sleeping with a new peace in their hearts and a new joy in their souls. All of them, perhaps, had drawn at least a little closer to the Light of the World.

It was like a scene from the Bible. The heaviness of the languorous leafage, the softness of the air, the extreme brightness of the moon, and the grinding splendour of the stars, and the breathing multitude hooded and wrapped in white garments, lying at full length on the ground, so silent and so still, filled the whole garden with the sense of heaven waiting and heavenly care-touched the mind with thoughts of those who had crossed the hills of Galilee two thousand years ago on a like errand.

One walked softly through that garden, not for fear of awaking the sleepers, but out of reverence for the bush which brooded there like the blessing of God.

of the Bible. The blank page bore a line in a man's commercial hand, "God bless you. We think of you at home."

Tidy put the book down and thought. Remembering the letter, he opened it. The Salvation Army wrote, told him it understood he was rather lonely and might not object to a correspondent. "How do they know?" asked Tidy of the wild waves without. The Army begged him to come himself, night and morning to God, to come and see it when he was ashore, to reckon himself, if he belonged to no religious body, one of its children, and to apply to it if he was in difficulty of any kind or needed a friend. The Salvation Army is able to send you the accompanying parcel through the liberality of friends who send subscriptions and donations for the Work of The Army.

"God Almighty bless 'em, then, whoever they are!" suddenly said Tidy. "Chips," he hailed a man who was passing, "look what your Salvation lot has sent me! I'm coming to your next One-Bell meeting."

IN THE AMBULANCE

Over the rough ways the big motor car sped, its load of pain silent, except when added to the torture wrung a shriek or groan from reluctant lips. The road was long and presently a man talked in delirium, then another began to curse and swear in his agony. The attendant murmured something to him.

"What? It's a lie!" was the retort.

The attendant opened his uniform. Underneath was a scarlet jersey with yellow letters. The poor wounded fellow rolled his weary eyes at it. "Well, I take it back. I shall get through now, I s'pose. They always said The Salvation Army was lucky. But where'd they get money for Ambulance like this?"

"The people gave it them—for you."

On Page 12 will be found a striking drawing depicting the work of the Motor Ambulance Unit given by The Salvation Army in Canada to our splendid Russian Allies.

A HORSE HOSPITAL

Looked over a veterinary hospital to-day (says Adjutant Mary Booth). There are fifteen hundred horses here. Some of their wounds were truly awful. One poor creature had fifty-three shrapnel wounds, and yet it was as quiet as a lamb, and let me pat it, which I did most sympathetically. Dr. W.—kindly let me see as the doctor said he never has any case of gangrene. I asked him if he could account for this, and he said, "No; unless it is that they are vegetarians!" Of course, I was delighted, and he gets really fond of some of the horses, and is quite sorry when they have to go.



SALVATION ARMY CHAPLAINS WITH THE C. E. F. OVERSEAS



Adjutant Penfold (Chaplain-Captain)

THE Senior Salvation Army Chaplain with Canadian Expeditionary Forces is Adjutant Penfold, who was posted as a Chaplain in the Army Officers' List in September, 1914, and sailed for England in November of the same year. He has shown most exemplary energy and zeal in his special work, and both in England and France, has met with considerable success. He is now attached to the 2nd and 3rd Entrenching Battalions, and has established a Soldiers' Rest Hut for the benefit of the soldiers right up to the trenches. His is the only Salvation Army Institution that is close to the firing lines—most of these Institutions being at the various bases. He has, in the course of his duties, visited much of the ground occupied by the British troops and his work in the hospital, and among the men has won hearty commendation from the officers commanding. He has regular services in his Soldiers' Rest Huts, as well as official church parades. For a time part of his duties was censoring the letters of the men, and he has expressed his surprise and pleasure at the amount of religion that soldiers put in their letters. He pays a great tribute to the fidelity and zeal of the Canadian Salvationists who are in England and France. Adjutant Penfold writes frequently to "The War Cry" and his contributions, graphic and interesting, are greatly appreciated by "The War Cry" readers.



Adjutant Carroll (Chaplain-Captain)

Adjutant C. B. Robinson, attached to the 30th Reserve Battalion at Iythe, has also been in England since May, 1915. Some idea of the extent of his activities may be gathered from the fact that in the Shoreham area there are about twelve camps spread over an area of ten miles. Nearly all these camps are visited by him each week, which, with hospital visitations and other work, keeps him fully occupied from breakfast time till ten or eleven at night. According to Adjutant Robinson, Salvationists have made an excellent impression for God and The Salvation Army. He says:—

"I was visiting our men in their hut the other day when the officer commanding the regiment came round for inspection, and, after he had inspected everything, he remarked: 'I wish to compliment you on having the cleanest hut in the camp.' Some unconvinced men in the same hut speak very highly of their Salvationist-comrades, and ask if they might accompany them to The Army services. Two of these men had never before been to an Army meeting." Adjutant Robinson also says that in the matter of passes Salvationists have a decided advantage—in fact, nearly all of them have been supplied with permanent passes—the result of their orderly conduct. The following incident related by the Adjutant in one of his letters is very interesting:—



Captain Steele (Chaplain-Captain)

"The other night we were having a service, and one of the soldier lads came in very much under the influence of drink. He tried to break



Adjutant Robinson (Chaplain-Captain)

camp and I arranged to have a social tea with the Salvationists and Adherents. Out of those present thirty-four were Bandmen. When I say we had a glorious time, I put it very mildly. Our service lasted for two hours and a half. The men were delighted with the meeting and four came to Christ. We have formed a Brass Band of thirty-five pieces, and a male chorus of sixteen voices. The work done by Salvation Army Chaplains among the boys away from home cannot be measured up.

Adjutant Carroll was appointed Chaplain to the 51st Battalion in October, 1915, and left the North-West for overseas in 1916. After his arrival in England, he was appointed Camp Chaplain for Salvationists in all battalions at Bramshot Camp. Church parades, Salvation Army services, hospital visitation, personal dealing, and answering enquiries chiefly from Canada, make an Army Chaplain's life to be somewhat crowded. The following very interesting extracts from a letter sent us by the Adjutant, throws considerable light on the duties and doings of a Salvation Army Officer with the Canadian Overseas Forces.

Writing to the Editor, the Adjutant says: "In connection with the comrades who are Salvationists, they, with (Concluded on Page 30)



Captain Kimmins (Chaplain-Captain)

"Last week five new battalions came into

TIDY, THE SAILORMAN

To and fro, in the trough of the great seas, the great grey vessels went, each a town, a city, of sons, fathers, brothers, sweethearts. Each man lived his outward life, working, enduring, with his fellows, one of many. Each soul lived his inward life by himself or with God, one, and alone. Some there were, utterly alone, unrelenting the nearness of the Father, knowing only they were without relations or home ties. To them, the mail and parcels were bitterness.

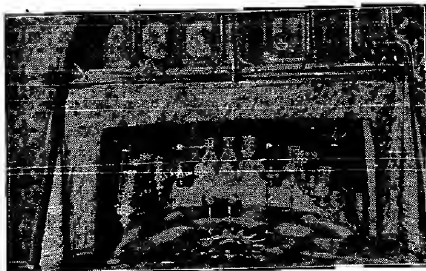
Tidy was bitter. He hated seeing the bags on board. Yes; there came a day when there was a letter and parcel for him. "Take hold," said the distributor gruffly. "Think it's going to bite you?" Tidy wasn't sure a box was not in progress till the parcel, which unmistakably bore his name and official address, was opened. A dark jersey, a regulation but soft muller, an item of peppermints, a pair of woollen shorts, a small, clear-print Bible, and a "War Cry."

"Humph," said Tidy, beholding this last. "This explains the mystery a bit." On the margin of the "official organ" a tremulous pencil had written: "From a Salvation Army woman whose own dear lad is afloat." Tidy viewed these things spread before him with a mixture of surprise. He took it up now and held it close enough to hide his face for a moment. Next he turned the leaves

So somebody cared? Often he had seen that old "War Cry" hawked in public-houses and in the hands of publicans and worse sinners. He took it up now and held it close enough to hide his face for a moment. Next he turned the leaves

CHRIST THE ENNOBLER

BY THE EDITOR



The Silver Star on the Floor of the Grotto Indicates the Spot Where the Child Jesus Was Born

The badge of honour which most nations place upon the breast of the bravest of their brave takes the form of a Cross. France has its Cross of the Legion of Honour, Russia its Cross of St. George, Germany its Iron Cross, and Britain its Victoria Cross.

The most-covered decoration of the British soldier is the Victoria Cross, and happy is the private or the general who can add V. C. to his name.

In many of the outstanding cases the Victoria Cross has been won in the saving of life—not by taking it.

Speaking after the manner of men we know of nothing finer than a man with the Red Cross on his arm and the Victoria Cross on his breast. He has in deeds of mercy been conspicuous for valour.

This is how Christ has ennobled the Cross—the thing of suffering and shame has become the emblem of compassionate mercy and glorious heroism.

MAN ENNOBLED

Reader, don't shun the Cross; take it up, convert Christ in the camp, the factory, or the home. In the beginning, the Cross may press heavily on your shoulder—in the end it will gleam gloriously on your breast.

Christ ennobles man. Paul of Tarsus, persecutor of innocent men and women and followers of Christ, became converted, and of himself then said: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Others, after his conversion, said of him: "Away with such a fellow from the earth; for it is not fit that he should live!" Eventually they beheaded him.

But how is Paul of Tarsus regarded to-day?

In the heart of the greatest Empire that this round earth has ever known, upon a hill dominating street and river, stands a vast Christian cathedral pile, the glory of "Regions that Caesar never knew." In the crypt beneath its lofty dome lie England's mighty dead. Nelson, England's greatest admiral; Wellington, her greatest general, who never lost an English gun, and conquered Napoleon; and, last to be accorded the national honour of lying there, Earl Roberts, great soldier and great Christian, who died in France with the roaring of British guns in his ears, and a hope blooming in immortality in his soul.

Christ has so ennobled Paul of Tarsus—"Pestilent fellow; unfit to live!"—that this House of God, venerated throughout an Empire on which the sun never sets, is called by his name—St. Paul's Cathedral.

There are others! It was Christ who so ennobled William Booth, of humble birth, that when he lay dead, he was lamented by a world, and of him it was said: "A king among men, so long as the world counts service the badge of royalty, and achievement the metre of power.

and devotion to the least hopeful the rare mark of the noblest blood, the name of William Booth will be mentioned with honour."

What ennobled him? The service of the Christ he loved, and for Whom he laboured.

But there are millions of souls ennobled by Christ, whose deeds never appear in print, but whose noble unselfishness is recorded in the Book of Eternal Remembrance and engraved on the hearts of a few.

So far as is known, no posthumous D. C. M. or V. C. has been awarded that noble sailor whose ship was torpedoed in the North Sea; neither is it likely that "storied urn or animated bust" will tell to generations unborn of his nobility in the midst of darkness and the heaving sea. This is the story as outlined in the British "War Cry":—

"DEATH MEANS LIFE!"

"A sailor who had just got converted at the Sheerness Hall, when he rose from his knees at the Mercy Seat, with the joy of Salvation in his face, said, 'I'm glad to be saved. I was on the ——— (one of the cruisers torpedoed) when she sank. I and another member of the crew, a Salvationist, had been swimming about in the water for two hours or more, and were almost exhausted, when, just as we were about to give up, we saw a piece of spar, made for it, and took hold. But, alas! it was not big enough to keep us both afloat. We looked at each other. For a time, one took hold while the other swam, and then we changed over."

"We kept this up for a bit, but it was evident we were getting weaker. Neither of us spoke for a while, and then presently the Salvationist said, 'Mate, death means life to me; you are not converted; you hold onto the spar and save yourself; I'll let go. Good-bye!'"

"And he let go and went down!"

Interesting confirmation of this touching story was forthcoming some weeks after, when a converted naval man on furlough from his ship visited a Salvation Army Corps in London, England, and, in giving his testimony, spoke of the incident, and said that when the survivor was rescued and taken on board the admiral's flagship, it was his (the speaker's) duty to enter into the log book his story of the Salvationist's noble heroism.

But nobility of soul is not alone shown in dramatic conditions on sea or land. There are heroes and heroines in the humdrum circumstances of daily life, who, by their faith, and love, and zeal for the honour of Christ, and the exercise of humanity to their fellows, have been lifted by Christ's power into a loftiness of thought and action as render them truly noble.

THE YOUNG BANDSMAN

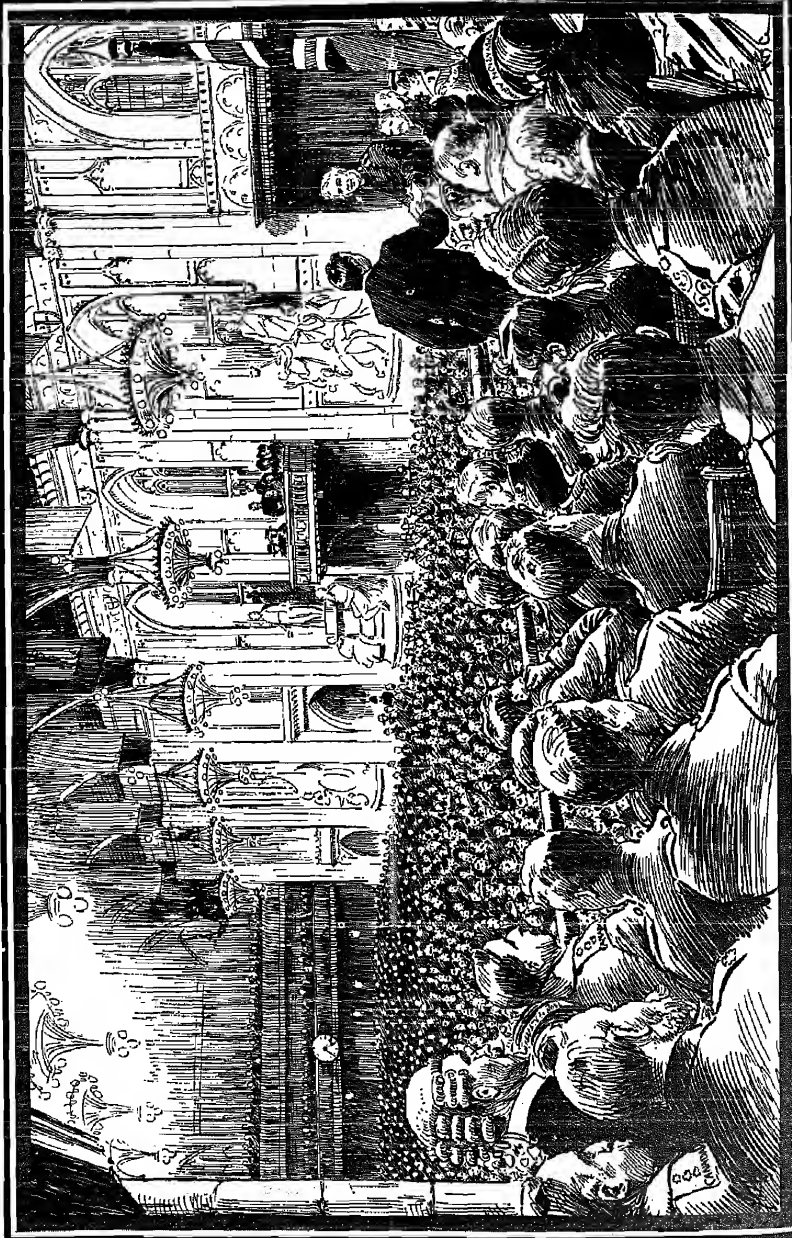
What of the young Bandsman, the son of drunken parents, who, after considerable economy, had saved enough to pay for a new suit of Band uniform, and was looking with intense delight to the coming Sunday when the whole Band would come out in all the glory of their new gear? On Sunday morning his uniform was gone; the mother had pawned it for drink the night before, so the youth, bitterly disappointed was unable to go out that day. The father, drunk and infuriated at the deed, attempted to thrash the mother, but was prevented by the young man whose eye was badly bruised in his endeavour to shield his mother from punishment; and who, when the Band Sergeant came around to see why he was not out with the Band, decided to give the reason for his (Concluded on Page 30)

OUR ILLUSTRATED SECTION



"The Lord is My Shepherd" Twenty-third Psalm

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This striking drawing depicts the scene in London's ancient Guildhall, when the General publicly dedicated the gift of the Canadian Christmas War Cry to the Russian people. The gift was presented by the Canadian Army & Air Force, and the Red Cross Society, in order to provide for other gifts to be made.

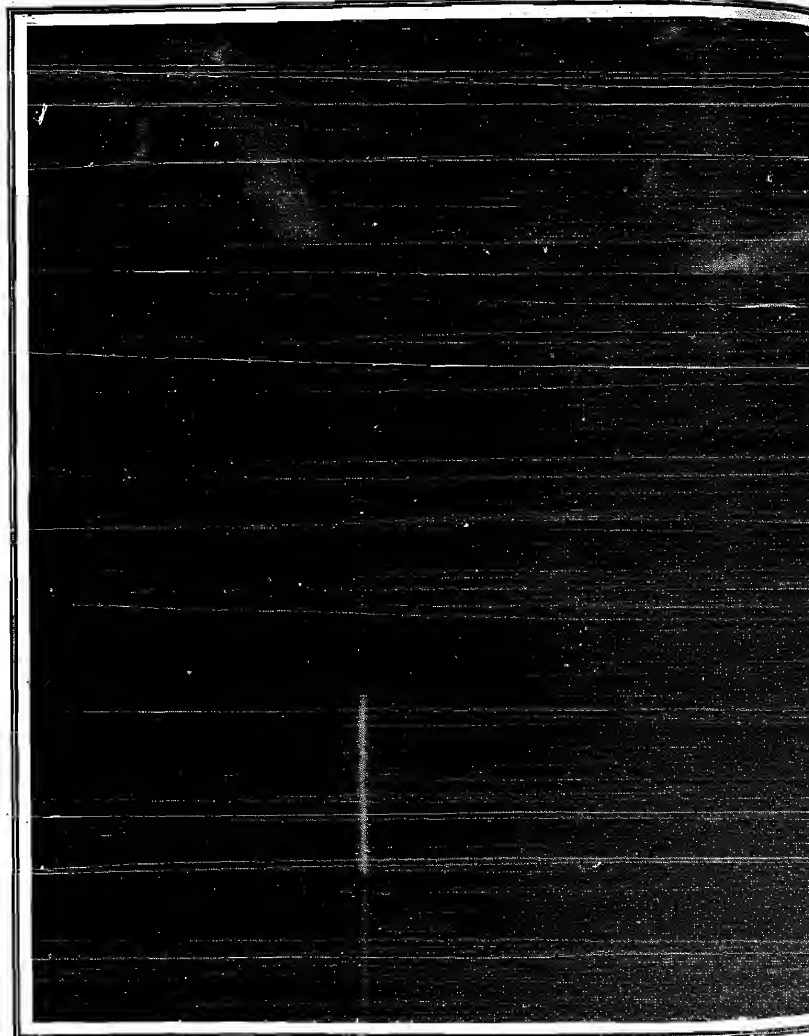
CANADA'S GIFT TO RUSSIA

A FAMILY OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

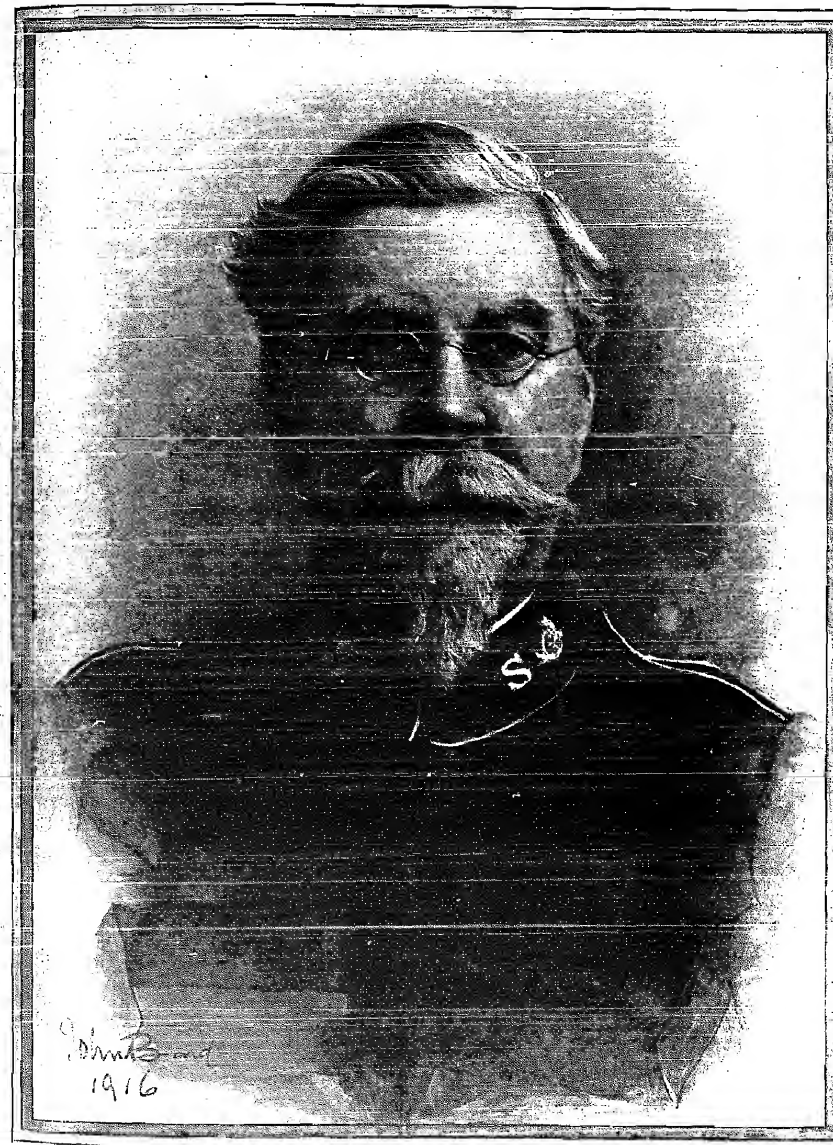


A STRIKING AND SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF DEVOTION TO THE SALVATION WAR

The above picture shows the family of Commissioner and Mrs. Richards of Canada East Territory and the location of the children. Major W. J. Richards is General Secretary in the Dutch East Indies; Ensign H. G. Richards is employed at the Life Insurance Department, International Headquarters, England; Staff-Captain S. Richards is at the Territorial Headquarters, Holland; Adjutant D. B. Richards is in the Headquarters, South America; Patrol Leader Carl Richards, Toronto, Canada; Mrs. Staff-Captain Chard (only daughter) is with her husband in China. So far as we know, this family is unique in that practically all are Officers and scattered throughout the world.



THE BATTLE BEHIND THE GUNS



THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF

T. Henry Howard, Commissioner, and Second in Command of The Salvation Army, has been an Officer for thirty-five years. He has, during that time, been appointed to many of The Army's high commands, including the Australasian Territory, the British Field, the International Training College, and the Foreign Office. He received his present appointment in 1912, and has the oversight, under The General, of the entire Army. All his children are Officers. The eldest is the Chief Secretary in Sweden. The youngest, Captain Harry Howard, died in India during the visit of Commissioner and Mrs. Howard to the Dominion of Canada in the month of October, 1908.



A HOPELESS DAWN

This well-known picture shows a scene of sorrow in a fisherman's cottage after a stormy night at sea. The grey dawn brings no hope for the woman whose husband has survived the gale, and the two women have been depicted with wonderful skill.

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this time, mothers and wives sorrow with a great sorrow for those who have on land and sea laid down their lives for their King and country. But those who know God "sorrow not as those who have no hope." Reader, dost thou know God? Let us all this Christmastide do what we can to cheer the disconsolate in all walks and stations of life.

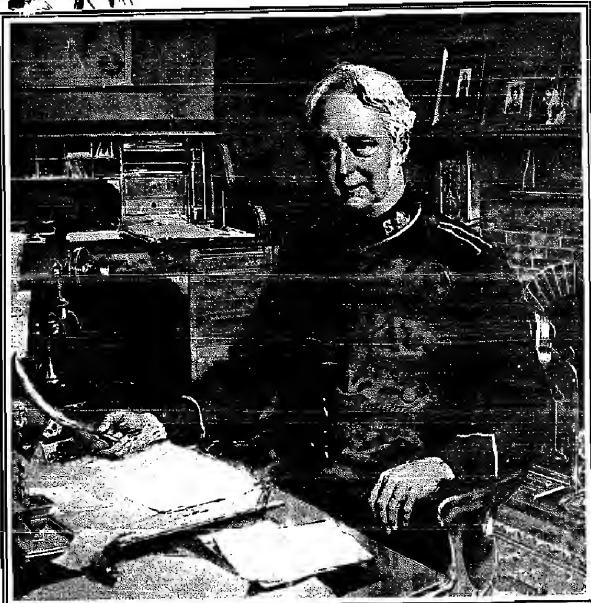
THE GENERAL AND THE SALVATION ARMY

THE YEAR 1916 has been characterized by two notable events—the sixtieth birthday of The General, and the first Anniversary of The Salvation Army, so we take the opportunity afforded by the very large circulation of the Christmas "War Cry" to bring before The Army's numerous friends some information concerning The General, and a few facts and figures concerning the Organization which he controls with a sagacity and breadth of statesmanship unsurpassed at any period of The Army's

The General in his Study

existence. General W. Bramwell Booth, eldest son of the Founder of The Salvation Army, was born at Halifax (Eng.) March 8th, 1856. He was educated at the City of London School, and converted in one of his mother's own meetings; became an Officer when he was eighteen, and was appointed Chief of the Staff at the age of twenty-four. This position he held till the death of the late General in 1912—thirty-two years.

On Aug. 21st, 1912, the day after the Founder's death, at a meeting at the International Headquarters, attended by all The Salvation Army Commissioners in London, the envelope containing The General's appointment of his successor was produced by The Army's solicitors, endorsed in The General's own writing, and still sealed. Upon being opened, a document within, dated Aug. 21st, 1890, was found, appointing the



The General Seated at Work in his Office at International Headquarters

function. I could, without qualification, adopt as my own each of these tributes to The General's devotion, ability, and self-sacrificing service, but much that I personally feel about him would even then remain unsaid. Since 1890, when I first met The General at Nottingham, I have been in intimate association with him, and thank God for all that he has meant to me during these many years. I find it impossible even to indicate the depth of my affection for his person, the warmth of my admiration of his life and work, and the strength of my loyal confidence in his Leadership.

Commander Eva Booth, of the United States, with a loving sister's pardonable pride in her lately brother, writes as to the impression The General's appearance produced on the impressionable New Yorkers. She says: "He looks the part." "It was a thrilling moment when the great crowd of Salvationists awaiting The General's arrival at the Grand Central Station from an impressive Campaign at Chicago, heaved a sigh of relief as the noted figure stepped before them. On first appearances he had not disappointed them. 'I like your looks,' were his trenchant, opening words, and, as though commissioned to voice the unanimous response of the mighty throng gathered there, a man's stentorian tones rang through the great concourse, and echoed across its artificial star-studded sky: 'We like yours, General!' The characteristics of his physique, which captivated them, were his height—America likes big men, so the remark of one in the crowd, 'You bet there's plenty of him, and it's all General,' struck a responsive chord—his military bearing. (See Page 23)



Looking Over Plans in his Office



Studying the Map of the World

The General Likes to Make an Address

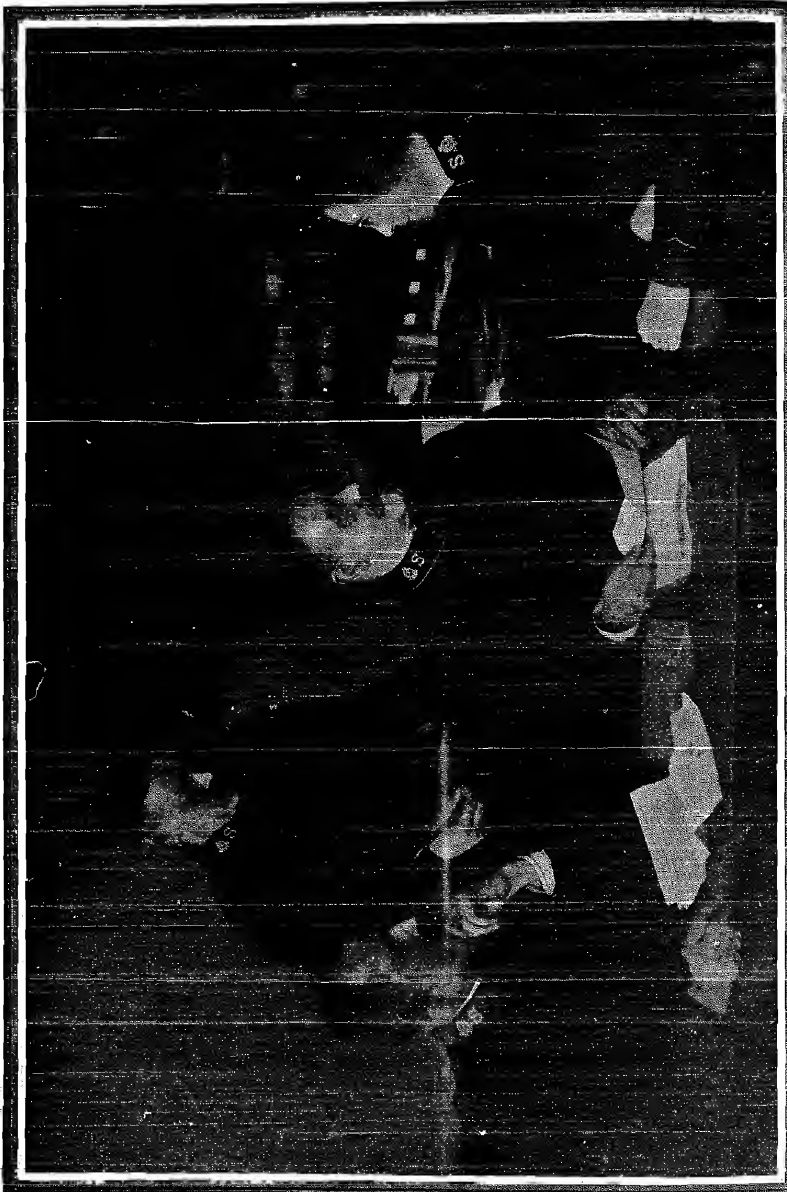
Chief of the Staff—William Bramwell Booth—in succeed him. Just twenty-two years after it was written, to the very day.

The present General's acceptance of the leadership of The Army was received with enthusiastic acclamation by the rank and file all the world over. And on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday—four years later—"The Officer" Magazine published a symposium of appreciations by representative leaders which equally well expresses the feelings of the rank and file, who are, in the language of the day, "doing their bit" on every part of The Army's battle lines.

From these literary X-ray photographs we take the following extracts:—
"The Chief of the Staff, in a foreword to the symposium, says: 'I have read the following contributions with the greatest satisfaction.'

In one battery of the Royal Field Artillery there were six Salvationists who became much exercised about the Salvation of their mates. One night a week, when duty permitted, they formed their little ring and the guns, and sang and testified to the power of God to save men from sin. At first some scoffed, and some stood afar off, but finally they drew nearer, and would join in singing the old songs—'O God, be True,' 'Rock of Ages,' etc. One cold, dark night, the big guns were booming and the shells were constantly exploding

near by, the faithful six pleaded with their mates to turn to Christ. Regardless of the cold, some of the Salvationists laid their greatcoats on the ground, upon which they invited their companions to kneel and seek the Saviour. Three of the men knelt in submission to the Great Captain of their Salvation, Who was present in Spirit. This is the moment that has been selected by our artist for his picture. Salvationists have manfully stood by the colours in the great world war, and their influence for good has been generally recognized by the authorities.



A COUNCIL OF WAR

This striking photograph is the latest Canadian Christmas War Cry. It was taken by Lieut. J. Taylor, Commander of the Manitoba Division, in conference at the headquarters of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

A TRAGEDY OF THE TRENCHES IN FRANCE



"MY ADVICE IS THAT YOU TURN THE MATTER OVER TO THE SALVATION ARMY PEOPLE"

A soldier at the front received a letter from Ontario saying that his wife had died and left his family of six children without anyone to properly care for them. In his despair he went to the Major of his Battalion for advice. After reading the letter, the Major said: "My advice is that you turn the matter over to The Salvation Army people; they will see you through." How the six children have been cared for is told elsewhere.



Christmas with the British Navy in the North Sea. The Captain Casting the Blessing. MANY NEWBORNED SALVATIONISTS ARE SERVING WITH THE GRAND FLEET, GUARDING THE REINS.

THE GENERAL AND THE SALVATION ARMY

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"His remarkable face; the eye of a dreamer, and the mouth of a master of men," commented one. "I looked into his face, and saw the great man behind the great rank," said another. Each of the writers describe qualities in The General that most appeal to them, consequently we have a well-rounded portrait by a collaboration of experts. In view of this it is not surprising that The Salvation Army's great Apostle to the Hindus (Commissioner Booth-Tucker) heads his contribution "Our Missionary Moses."

"The aspect of The General's work and character which most appeals to those of his Officers who are working in Missionary Fields is his keen interest in this section of The Army's Work and his comprehensive grasp of its needs and possibilities. Indeed, one might easily imagine that he had spent a great part of his life amongst the one thousand millions who constitute the non-Christian populations of the world."

Commissioner E. J. Higgins, the British Commissioner, has the distinction, like his Leader, of being the second of a dynasty, that is to say, his late father was also a Commissioner. He writes of The General "as son and second in command."

"If the man who successfully rules must first learn to serve, then our General certainly has added rights to his position, for no man more faithfully or loyally served than did he, during all these years of our Founder's Generalship. It was this side of The General's character and service that so strongly appealed to me."

Commissioner Adelaide Cox, who has charge of the Women's Social Work in Great Britain, designates The General as "the champion of woman's place and work," and says:

"The General keeps the fact ever to the front that women should have an equal opportunity with men to make the very best of their lives." Commissioner W. S. Oliphant, of Switzerland and Italy, who was for a time Private Secretary to The General, and thus had an opportunity of viewing him at close range, pays an eloquent tribute to him as "a manager of men." "It will not," he says, "have escaped the observant servant of us that a wide knowledge of men and skill in the management of them are strong characteristics of The General. Together they form a great capital for The Salvation Army."

Concerning this side of our Leader, the Commissioner remarks:

"Those who lived through those early struggles will witness with me that it is on these early foundations The Salvation Army rests to-day. Some of us will never forget our Founder's gratitude when The General, as Chief of the Staff, without talking much of the ways and means which had been taken to keep this Officer from resignation, to prevent that upset in the East, to avert that threatened calamity in the West, to divert that incipient rebellion in some other part of the world, he would simply announce that the crisis was over. With face suffused with feeling, his father would simply remark, 'Clever! Bramwell' and then proceed happily to his next engagement."

"Among the things which have contributed to these remarkable qualities of our present Leader are, I think, the following: His inherent love for mankind and his wide knowledge of men, through personal contact and also through wide reading. His intense interest in human affairs. His polite manner. His unflinching respect for the individual and determination amid the rough and tumble of The Army's progress, not to forget the personality and claims of others."

Next, perhaps, has been the physical and educational well-being of Young People received such consideration by rulers of the State as in these days, and certain it is that no one has shown greater interest in the Young People of the Organization than The General. Commissioner Theo. McKie (Principal of the International Training College) writes thus:

"I question whether there is any section of The Army's Work to which The General has given more time, keen interest, and devotion, than the work of developing the character and capacity of the Young People of The Army, and the making of Officers. Whatever other dedication may be given to him, I am sure he will go down to posterity as 'The Young People's General.'"

Perhaps the most-travelled Officer in The Salvation Army to-day is Commissioner John Lawrence. As A.D.C. to both the late General and our present Leader, no one than he has better equip-

ment for describing The General "on the platform." He says:

"We have used the largest Halls that could be rented, yet most of them have been crowded to overflowing. I have heard him preach on the Great White Throne and the Judgment Day, until his hearers have felt that they are realities. I have heard him preach about hell and the sufferings of the damned until his audience has prayed that God would save them from going to that place of torment."

"His Gospel has been a wide one; it has covered the sins and sorrows and wounds of mankind; he has preached of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, with the result that I have seen tears flow, heads bowed, lips quivering, hearts broken, rebels reconciled, prodigals come home, wanderers return, and sinners of all classes reconciled to God."

Not the least interesting paper in this symposium is that entitled "After Thirty-four Years," by Commissioner John A. Caulton, Managing Director of The Salvation Army Assurance Society, Trustee of Reliance Benefit Society, Vice-Chairman of the Reliance Bank, Limited. He opens his paper with this candid confession:

"Our present General was a young man when I came under his leadership. I was his senior by nearly twenty years. I had received a good business training, and to be quite frank, I came to him with some idea in my mind that my business experience would be a valuable asset to The Army, and that my addition to the Headquarters Staff would bring to pass considerable improvements in its business arrangements. I have heard it said that the House of Commons is the best place in the world for taking the conceit out of a member who is unduly inflated with a sense of his own importance. My experience would lead me to conclude that the International Headquarters is equally efficacious in bringing down to his proper level the comrade who may be inclined to think more highly of himself than he ought to think. In any case, a few days were sufficient to show me that in Mr. Bramwell Booth I had a man who towered over me in ability and experience, and that he could, to use a colloquialism, make rings round me. The would-be teacher became a pupil, and after thirty-four years, although I have learned many things, our relative positions remain the same."

It may be interesting to our friends to know the present position of The Salvation Army. On the 8th of July, 1865, the Founder of The Army stood alone on Mile End Waste. In the present year of grace, fifty years later, no fewer than 37,500 Officers and Cadets preach Christ and Him crucified, in sixty countries and colonies, nearly all over the habitable globe; and proclaim Salvation in thirty-nine languages.

The singing of The Salvation Army—and it was the late Dr. Talmage who said, "The Salvation Army will sing themselves all round the world"—is led by an army of over 29,367 Bandmen. Each issue of The Salvation Army Press that chronicles the doings of the Organization contains a total of 1,204,222 copies; while The Salvation Army's Institutions for the poor and outcast can accommodate over 30,000 each night. The Army's operations have special activities for the well-being of the Churches, the Heathen, the Unemployed, the Starving, the Paupers, the Homeless, the Drunkards, the Criminals, the Daughters of Shame, for National Service Men, Slum Workers, the Sick, the Lame, the Blind, the Deaf, the Dumb, and the Anti-Suicide Bureau, Home Leagues, Children's Work, Land Schemes, Poor Men's Lawyers, Procter, Banks, and Assurance.

In connection with the foregoing phases of Salvation Army Work, 66,846 unpaid Local Officers are employed, with a large number of Salvationists without rank, who, out of love, labour for God and souls, and the social well-being of their fellows.

It will also be of interest to know that The

Salvation Army, in its Cheap Food Depots, supplies thirteen and a half million meals annually, and nearly eight million beds in its Shelters for homeless men and women. Up to the beginning of the war, The Salvation Army had two hundred Industrial Institutions for workless men, and during the year 1914 over 100,000 men were supplied with permanent and temporary work, and during the same period 99,000 situations were found for the unemployed in connection with The Army's Labour Bureaux.

The Army's Industrial Homes for women have accommodation for nearly four thousand, and the number who pass out as satisfactory cases last year numbered 6,664. Altogether, The Salvation Army has 1,257 Social Institutions, and the number of Officers and Cadets engaged in this branch of Christ-like work is 3,071.

According to the latest published statistics, the last annual Self-Denial Effort of The Salvation Army throughout the world resulted in \$1,020,077 being raised. A large proportion of this fund is devoted to the upkeep of the Missionary Work of The Salvation Army in heathen lands.

One of the great Missionary Fields of The Salvation Army is India and Ceylon, and some idea of the magnitude of the work carried on in the East may be gathered from the fact that we have in India 3,114 Corps and Outposts, 530 Schools, and 109 Social Institutions, operated by 3,184 Officers and employees, assisted by 4,419 Local or unpaid workers. These are also all activities, such as three Hospitals, nine Dispensaries, sixteen Village Banks, and thirty-four Criminal Settlements.

The Army's operations were started in India about thirty-three years ago, and to show how the Organization was regarded, the leader, then Major Tucker, was put into jail for a month. In 1913 a striking evidence of the change in opinion was shown when the list of honours on the King's Birthday showed that the Order of the Kaiser-i-Hind was conferred on Commissioner Booth-Tucker "for public service in India."

In Japan, where The Army is making splendid progress, the Emperor showed his appreciation of our Work last year by contributing \$1,500 to The Army's funds, and conferring a birthday honour on the Second in Command of The Army's forces for service rendered to the State.

In the Dutch East Indies not only is a splendid work of bringing the natives to a saving knowledge of Christ being carried on—in the Celebes Island, a thousand natives declared their allegiance to Christ in one meeting—but the Government has sought the aid and counsel of The Army in many ways. The Leper Colonies in Java and Sumatra are accomplishing most useful work; while the medical work is producing results little short of miraculous. Upwards of 130 patients are dealt with each day in connection with the William Booth Memorial Eye Hospital at Semarang.

All round the world-wide battle lines The Salvation Army, in the fifth year of its existence, is warring with a vigour and success that exceeds any other period. It is also breaking the lines of heathenism and sin, for during the year a pioneer party has invaded China, and in a short time, a hundred Officers—Canada will be asked to furnish its quota—will be dispatched to help win the Celestial Empire for the King of kings.

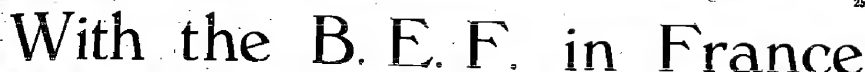
How The Salvation Army is regarded in the land of its birth and other portions of the English-speaking world, may be inferred from the following extract of the cordial messages received by The General at the International Congress of June, 1915. His Majesty King George said:

"I have, for many years, watched with deep interest your work for the people, especially for the less-fortunate citizens of the Empire. I think that work is carried on with great ability, and with much self-sacrifice and unselfish zeal. I trust that it will go forward in all parts of the world, and that the blessing of God will continue to rest upon you."

The President of the United States of America, in a very sympathetic message, said:

"I desire to give expression to my goodwill towards the Organization, and to my recognition of the great good that has resulted from its evangelical and philanthropic work."

Making allowance for the ravages in The Army's ranks by the European war, the future of The Army was never so bright or so assured as now, for which we all thank God and take courage.



missariat is great! In fact, it makes to consider the huge quantities of food. We have seen motor lorries by rail, trainloads, and shiploads almost all bearing supplies for the men. Well looked after. The Army Service

comrades out here, in their kindly services in providing the room and waiting on the table. The Officers were like parents to us, and helped to make our little party a huge success. The

ments of the British infantrymen, the blue and gold tunics of the artillerymen, and the round caps and blue jumpers of numerous jolly Jack Tars, served to complete this moving mosaic of life and colour.

In the great square before the Governor's Palace a lively dance was in progress. Scores of youths and maidens, holding each others' hands, were skipping about in a huge circle to the quick music of a band, very much after the fashion of children playing "Here we go 'round the mulberry bush." It was a scene of innocent merriment, and George and Joe looked on for a long while in genuine enjoyment at seeing others so happy.

It reminds me of things I've read about concerning the old-time May Day Festival in Merry England," said George.

"That so?" said Joe. "Well, I was just thinking that it was a similar sort of affair to a dardies' holiday down in the Southern States. These folks here know how to enjoy themselves, don't they? Don't you word, the jollity is really infectious, and I'd join in the dance myself if it wasn't for the danger of hurting the susceptibilities of our Maltese friends. If I went and took hold of that pretty little Signora's hand over there, for instance, no doubt some swarthy Antonio would consider it an unwarranted intrusion of a foreigner, and stick me in the ribs with his knife."

"Yes," and the old Provost Sergeant over there would quickly have you marched off to the Main Guard," said George. "It doesn't do for British soldiers to get too free with the native population of any place. If they do, they are guilty of an offence between the upper and nether millstones of popular resentment and official strictness."

"Quite right, too," said Joe. "I can well understand that. If now, for instance, the United States was conquered by some other nation and foreign garrisons were planted in our chief cities, think of what a hullabaloo I should raise if a strange soldier tried to kiss my sister."

"I can imagine that there'd be a lively scrap," said George.

"You can bet your bottom dollar on that!" was Joe's reply.

A few hours later an incident occurred which singularly illustrated the fact that George had stated, namely, that it is a very unwise thing for British troops to get too familiar with the natives, when on foreign service.

[The next instalment of this story will describe how George defended a Maltese girl from insult and incurred the enmity of Corporal Smith.]

ALONE IN A BIG CITY

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a lawyer play the game of bluff when he has nothing to play it with? If so, then you saw this self-important individual pacing up and down the room in vain effort to overcome his chagrin at being beaten at every turn by a woman, and that after coming hundreds of miles to accomplish his mission.

The Superintendent quietly told him to return to his hotel, and she would give him her answer at six o'clock, after consulting the matter with Winnie. This gave her time to consult the morality department again. They advised by all means, not to let Winnie return with him. That in all likelihood his intention was to take her to some secret place beyond the reach of State officials. They also advised to communicate with the proper authorities and have them come for her.

During her absence the lawyer got busy and got in touch with Winnie over the telephone and persuaded her to return with him. This she communicated to the Superintendent on her return from the department. She replied:—

"Yes, Winnie, you are going back, but not with this man. Remember, you are a very material witness against, not for, this man's guilt. They want you for no good. When you return it will be with the proper authorities, but not with this man."

The Superintendent then called up the lawyer and told him her decision. He showed independence, then fury, then rage. He said he was Winnie's friend and wanted to help her. In proof of this he had left money for her at the hotel which she or the Superintendent could get at any time. Later investigation proved that \$10 had been left to be delivered on condition that Winnie accompanied the Superintendent and produced a railway ticket for her return home.

A few days later a State Officer came for Winnie, and she returned to Buffalo with him, where she remained in his care until the proper time for her appearance in court at Shenston.

Here she was quite beyond the reach of Watson and his emissaries.

In the meantime, Watson's attorney, realising the helplessness of his case and the utter folly of fighting it, advised his client to throw himself on the mercy of the court and plead guilty. This he did, with the result that Winnie was not called as a witness, and he was sentenced to one year and a day's imprisonment and fined two thousand five hundred dollars.

Just one month from the day Winnie peered through the window of the Chicago Flyer, taking the last look at her little home town, she alighted at the depot—a changed girl. With a big, strong, determined, and resolute heart backing a purpose to champion the right and live down the stigma of the past, she has prepared to meet her friends. And they greeted and welcomed her.

Frequent letters from Winnie bear indisputable testimony of the appreciation of the Superintendent's efforts in her behalf, and of the keeping and sustaining grace to which she was directed, and which is such a monument of strength to her in her colossal fight against the stigma of which she is but the innocent victim—Virginia Parr in the "Toronto Sunday World."

SALVATION ARMY CHAPLAINS WITH THE C. E. F. OVERSEAS

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The other men, have had very little time for service, except when on leave, and as from ninety to ninety-five per cent. of them are Old Country boys, they like to go and help in the old home Corps. I am attached to a camp where the training has been very hard for the men. Practically, it has been a matter of night and day work. We have sent thousands away in drafts, and recently we sent over a whole division—twenty thousand men. But in spite of the hard training, we have had some good spiritual times, and souls have been won for God."

"We are now busy getting ready for the new division, and I am pleased to say we have had a splendid start. Thousands of men have already arrived, and yesterday (Sunday, Aug. 20th) was a great day. In the morning I addressed a splendid congregation; in the afternoon a welcome tea was provided for Salvation Army men. After tea I gave an address to our own men and others, being careful where they go and the avoiding of temptations that many have fallen into. At 6.30 we had a Salvation Army meeting, with a full hall, and four men seeking Christ."

"To-day I attended a Chaplains' Council at 10.30 a.m., where was discussed matter with reference to the best plan for getting at the men. After the meeting was over I arranged with Sergeant Carroll of the 51st Band (the Adjutant has three sons with the colours) to give an afternoon Musical Festival at the hospital for the sick and wounded—there being three convoys of the latter brought here recently. It was a wonderful and pathetic sight. Some of the men were on crutches, others on beds, or in bath chairs. A number of nurses and doctors enjoyed what they called 'a treat.' I also gave each wounded boy a bar of good toffee, which they appreciated very much. To-night I have a prayer meeting in my room, but I am afraid after last night's service, we shall need a bigger one."

Captain Charles Kimmins has been a Chaplain since May, 1915, during which time he has been stationed at the following camps: Niagara-on-the-Lake, Exhibition Camp (Toronto), and Camp Borden. It is probable that by the time this appears in print he, too, will be overseas; but at the time of writing the Captain is at Camp Borden, attached to the Divisional Headquarters as Assistant Camp Chaplain.

On Sunday morning the Captain assists at the official Church Parade, after which he conducts a Holiness meeting with those of the three hundred Salvationists who are in the camp. If the Army had a separate service the Captain says that fifteen hundred Salvationists and adherents could be mustered. These meetings are a great inspiration to the Salvationist soldiers. In the afternoon he conducts a service with the inmates of the military prison; and later, in the afternoon and evening open-air meetings are held; also one during the week. Meetings, of course, had to be adjusted to the routine and duties of the camp; but in various ways the Salvationists keep the dear old Red, Yellow, and Blue floating in the breeze. Captain Kimmins is very well thought of by the officers and the men, and is doing a very useful and necessary work.

CHRIST THE ENNOBLER

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absence and the black eye, so that he should not expose the conduct of his parents, and whose only concern was that the Sergeant should not think that he himself had fallen from grace and dishonoured his Christ. The love of Christ constrained him to forgive and to nobly shield those who had done him wrong.

Or the converted burglar, who, one Sunday evening, while he was at an Army meeting, had his own house burgled and his valuables cleaned out. There were circumstances about the case which made it necessary that the police should be informed of the robbery, and the house-breaker was in consequence arrested. While the prisoner was in jail on remand our converted criminal paid him a visit. They found a way to each other's confidence, and the prisoner under remand confessed that it was he who had robbed the ex-burglar's home.

The prisoner had been a petty officer in the Royal Navy and had left the service with a fine record and a substantial pension, but drink separated him from his wife, his home, his pension, and his character, and he had become so desperate that he had taken to crime.

The ex-criminal told his own story and what Christ had done for him, with the result that the prisoner desired to experience the same change, and together in the cell they knelt in prayer, and the saved burglar besought Christ to pardon the penitent thief.

The prisoner was convicted and sent to prison for twelve months, but the ex-burglar kept in close touch with him, and got The Salvation Army interested in the case, with the result that he is now a follower of Christ, is re-united to his wife and family; the Admiralty has restored to him his pension, and he is one of the happiest of men.

It was Christ Who inspired the ex-burglar to his nobility of conduct.

Reader, whether you be on the tented field, in the muddy trench, or on the ship's deck; whether in the humdrum workshop, or enduring the carking cares and domestic worries of the home, Christ the Ennobler can inspire you and give you grace to do noble deeds. They may never appear in the newspapers on earth, but they will be recorded in Heaven.

Also remember this—

The Sacred Cave of the Nativity was once the abode of cattle.

The Cross—now the badge of honour—was once the emblem of shame.

That St. Paul, glorious martyr and shining saint, was once regarded as a pestilent fellow.

That the Founder of The Salvation Army, mourned by a world, was once reviled of men.

That Christ, now sitting at the right hand of God, was numbered among the transgressors and crucified between thieves.

That all who will truly Godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution.

So don't worry if the marching is heavy going, the narrow path will lead you to victory.

Don't give up if the Cross breaks the skin on your shoulder. It will become a badge of glory to you by and by.

Don't forget that: "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." Hallelujah!

A Happy Christmas to all and let us, like the Wise Men of old, give gifts to the Christ King—the gift of our whole affection.

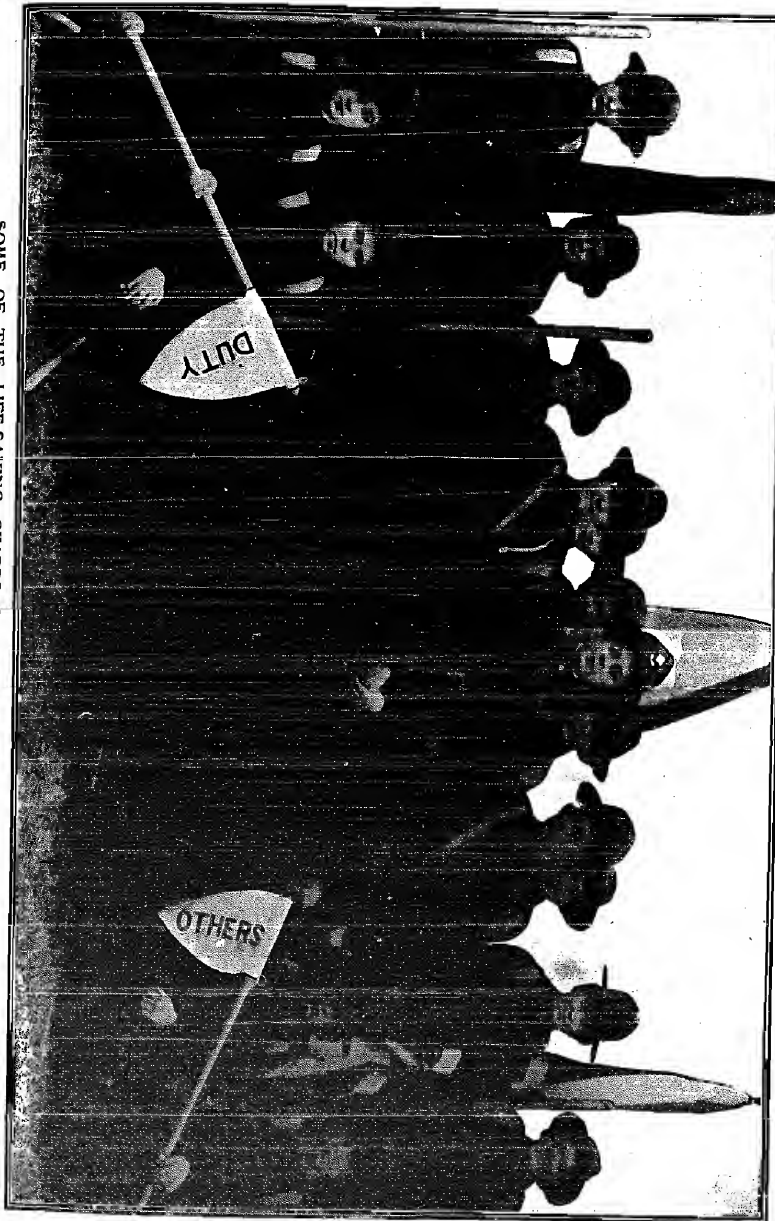
THE BRITISH TOMMY AND THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

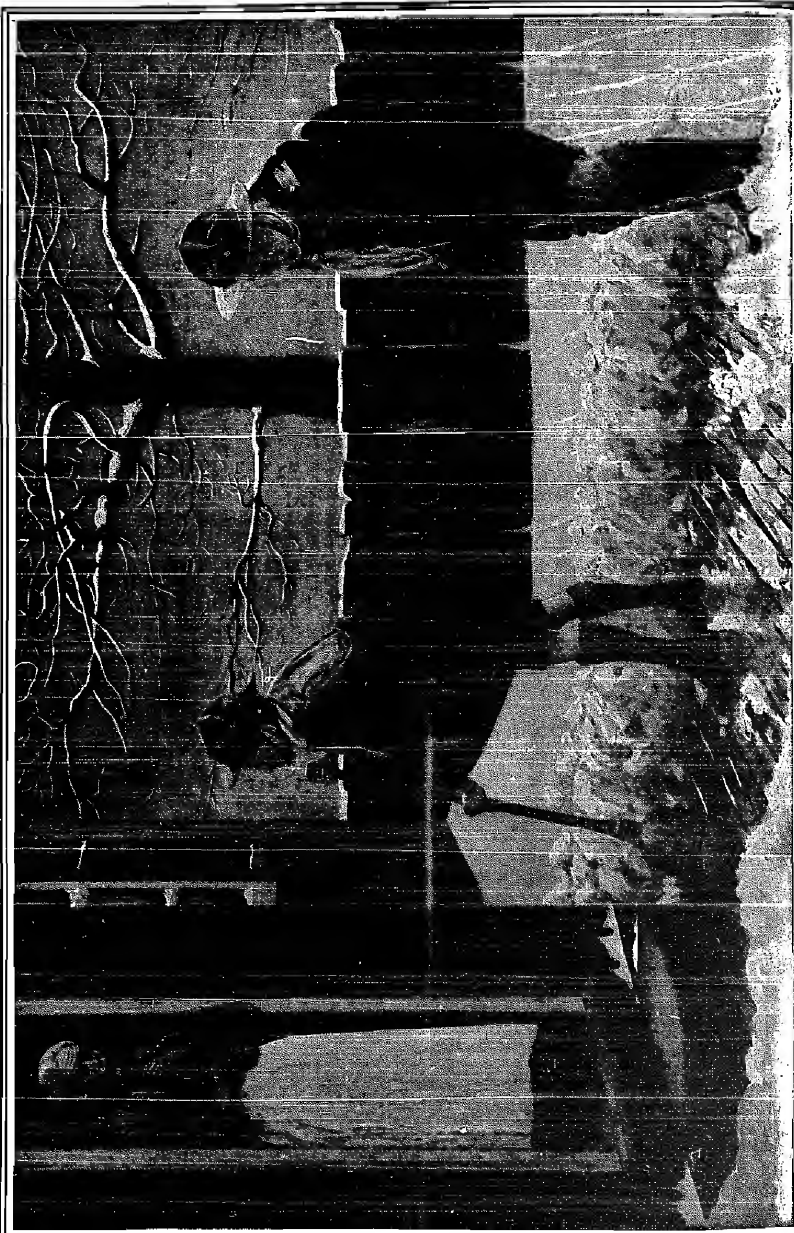
The Tommies are very proud of their French, says Adjutant Mary Booth, and it is great fun to hear them struggling at it. The other day one was trying to tell us, and I was doing my best to keep a straight face, when his mate brought him up sharply by saying, "They're English, you fool!" One dear fellow in a shop wanted some eggs, and managed to make his needs known, much to the amusement of the other customers, by imitating a cock crowing! The company at our 'villa,' the Headquarters, are making good progress in the language, although they do not have much time to study.

I feel very interested in the French people, and wish we had a Corps near. Their soldiers look so picturesque in their red trousers and blue coats; some have a very pale blue uniform; many of the peasant women wear such quaint costumes, with pretty white cotton hats.

I wish the French people were kinder to their animals, but I think they are learning.

SOME OF THE LIFE-SAVING GUARDS LATELY ORGANIZED IN CANADA EAST





It is a good custom with the Life-Saving Scouts and Guides that each member must do one "good turn" to some person every day. In our picture a couple of Scouts are clearing away the snow from the entrance to an aged woman's humble home. The Scouts and Guides place of the Canadian Army and Navy have been recently been inaugurated, and it is making great headway. Join the Canadian Army and Navy.

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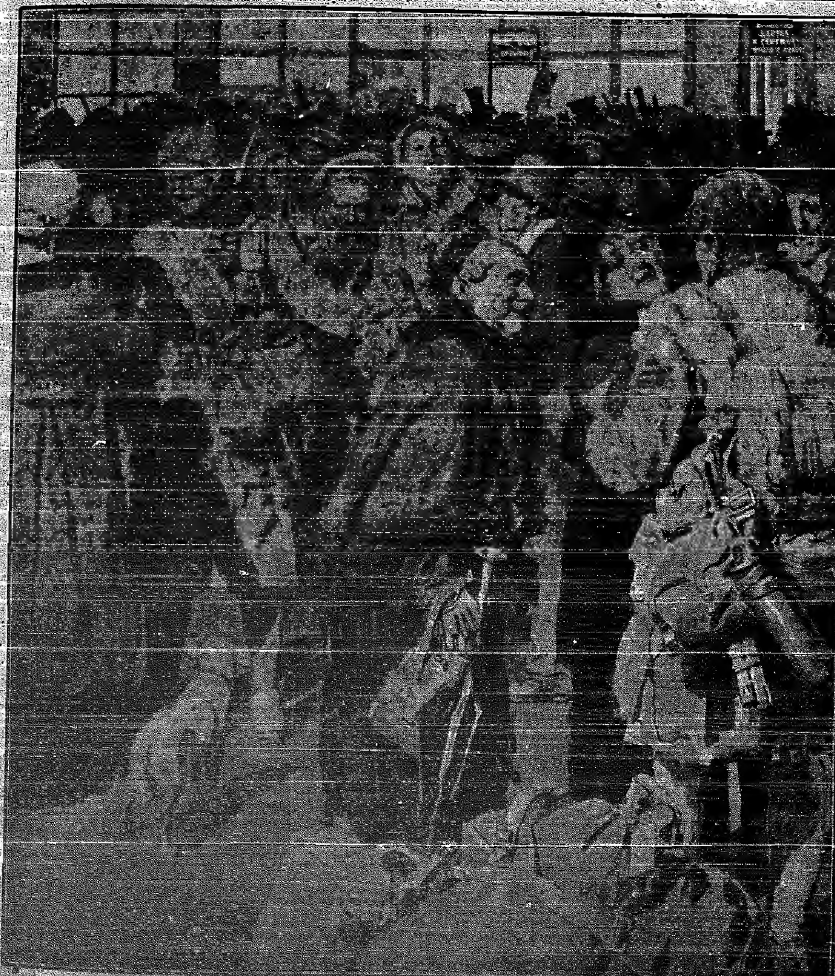
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